ATT meeting 22nd June 2017: 7.15pm

• 1. EU / MCC Sustainable Energy Week: Events. (Electric vehicles/cycles + Eco house tour) Report back. Events still to come
• 2. Taking ATT outwards and across generations. (Paul Clifford) plans for meeting of new group July 6th.
• 3. Update. The public realm projects, Frogmore and Lion St; The Urban sites briefs project:
• 4. Reflections on the May 13th GIVE & TAKE Event: : (paper circulated) (Mary Ann Swanson)
• 5. Cycle group events report. Missing link? (Jack/Fraser)
• 6. Community Energy projects: are there any? The Town is asking.
• 7. IE + The Orchard. progress report + Community Agriculture?
• 8. The Llanfoist Bridge........ update.
• 9. Edited re-showing of the ATT talk given at Community Canteen 27th May + funds raised and members joined.
• 10. JUST FOOD update + Agri Urban update.
• 11. A.O.B
apologies

- Francis Buxton
- Jeff Davies
- Gethin Jenkins
- Penny Simcock
- Richard Lewis
- Mary Ann Swanson
- Fraser

**Attendance:**
Dave Simcock, Nick Tatam, Simon Bilsborough, Stephen Harris, Dick Cole, Mary Morgan, Patrick Hannay (Chair)

*Minutes will be in bold yellow*
Alternative vehicles event Brewery Yard 15th June as part MCC / EU Energy week events

Hydrogen + Electric cars on display plus electric bikes: good event to run with night market in the Market Hall. Nobody quite sure of regularity of night markets.
New smart electric drive set to spark interest

THE smart electric drive range is now on sale, with prices starting from £16,420 for the smart fortwo electric drive (including OLEV grant of £4,500; total price £20,920 excluding grant). The forfour electric drive is just £16,915 (£21,415 excluding grant), and the unique fortwo cabriolet electric drive starts at £18,650 (£23,060 excluding grant). This makes smart the only brand that offers all its models with either combustion engines or fully electric drive trains.

The smart electric drive features an 81 hp electric motor powering the rear wheels via a single-speed gearbox. The electric drive has a range of up to 100 miles, while its maximum speed is electronically limited to 80 mph to maximise the range. The standard 7 kW on-board charger means the smart electric drive can be charged in 2.5 hours using a 16 A charger or just six hours via a standard 230 V power outlet. The ambient sound generator creates an artificial engine sound when the vehicle is moving at low speeds to make its presence known to pedestrians and other road users.

For just £595 customers can add the premium plus equipment line, which includes ambient lighting; centre armrest; LED headlights and tail lights; front fog lamps; automatic lights and wipers; and rear view camera.

The electric drive design package is available from £595 and adds a tridion cell and mirror caps in electric green; body panels in either black or white with matching grille; 16-inch alloys; and ED decals in grey.

A heated steering wheel, heated rear seats (forfour only) and additional door and cockpit insulation are part of the winter package, which costs £295 on fortwo models and £495 on the forfour.

Customers can also access the smart control app, which allows them to control various aspects of the car from a smartphone.

Stephen Harris gave explanation of future electric car operation where in evening you download power from electric car battery into the house and then re-charge in small hours of morning.

Last week’s Chronicle:
Note OLEV grant £4,500
Still expensive as cars, but price will no doubt rapidly descend.
Still looked at through the eyes of the Jeremy Clarkson petrol head motoring correspondent…max speed 80mph; 10mph over max speed limit!
EU / MCC Energy week Open Day. Last Saturday 17\textsuperscript{th} June. A revisit event after a decade of occupation:

One, The Orchard, Llanellen Rd, Llanfoist: Catherine Roberts and Stephen Harris (architects) Interview and visit round the house......

Thanks to them both
Another MCC Climate Champions/EU Energy Week event

Useful contrast to Harris / Roberts Llanfoist house in that this is an existing building, taken to what is described as ‘Passivhaus EnerPhit’ standards (not the full German Passivhaus). Hopefully ATT members went

Gilwern Barnstorming
Sat 24th June, 12 to 4pm
The Long Barn, Ty Mawr Road
Gilwern, NP7 OEB

Come and have a tour of this recently completed two-family barn conversion designed to meet the rigorous Passivhaus EnerPHit standard, conducted by the owner-designer Simon Brown. The Barn is super-insulated and airtight and mechanically ventilated, requiring almost no space heating. Please arrive for tours at 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm. Directions: Leave Aberbaiden roundabout on the A465, towards Gilwern. Take first right ‘Ty Mawr Road’ and follow down hill and round left-hand bend. Barn is on the right. Tea and biscuits for a small contribution. Contact: Simon Brown, 07841 870020, mail@simon-brown.com www.sustain-by-design.com
• Taking ATT outwards and inter-generational

• There will be a meeting organised soon by Paul Clifford to explore how we might reach the rest of the Abergavenny community more effectively.
BETTER PLACES:
Phase 1 FROGMORE STREET (eastern end to Whitehorse Lane) AND LION STREET

Scheme developed in a working group as part of the Draft North Monmouthshire Five-Year Plan: ‘Enhancing the Environment’ and ‘Moving Around More Easily Themes’

THE OPPORTUNITY
A total of £705,000 available to MCC in 2017/18, from Welsh Government for town centre *Active Travel* improvements and from Morrisons for Lion Street; Possibility of a further funded phase in 2018/19
Frogmore Street: earlier times

Note widening of road: no parking bays.
Frogmore Street: a place for people walking, meeting, trading, sitting out on the street, cycling, accessible to public transport, taxis, disabled.
THE CHALLENGES

• Frogmore Street:
  • a main shopping street –
  • moving and parking vehicles in conflict with pedestrians and disabled –
  • blind bend where Lion Street joins –
  • footways often far too narrow –
  • no aids for pedestrians to cross –
  • used as a through route to avoid the trunk road.
• Abuse of loading bays for parking bays; no enforcement of parking regulations
Challenges contnd………

- **Lion Street**, also a ‘rat run’ to avoid the trunk road –
- straight section invites excessive speed –
- will separate the Morrisons store and car park from the shopping centre unless altered –
- planning requirement on Morrisons is to encourage pedestrian movement between Morrisons and the rest of the centre so need to alter priority for pedestrians.
- Morrisons likely to increase trunk road traffic delays and aggravate ‘rat running’ to avoid them.
• Draft proposals have been drawn up by working group for Frogmore Street / Lion Street and sent to MCC Highways.
• Currently seeking to arrange meeting with MCC Highways team to check if within budget/expectations, before MCC launching further public consultations/conversations and exhibitions for all stakeholders.
Future sites development
another working group of Enhance Environment and Moving around more Easily Theme groups under 5 year plan

• Met chief planner MCC Mark Hand at County Hall last week with MCC’s Ben Terry (Urban Designer, Landscape Architect.) to discuss possible collaborations to enable site development briefs to be drawn up ahead of developer expressions of interest.

• Members of working group, attending at Usk County Hall: Dick Cole, Peter Brown, Paul Rennie, Nick Tatam, Patrick Hannay.

Other members of group Jack Thurston, Karen Hoole, Stephen Harris, David Haswell.

Working group illustrated first draft thoughts on Tudor Street as vehicle for discussing level of involvement
Abergavenny possible Development sites in need of urban briefs/codes
Tudor street 1 500-1960’s Street -defining terraced buildings, hard, urban: a major historical entrance route to the town

DOES ONE SIMPLY REINFORCE THE PRESENT or use both approaches where appropriate?

Tudor Street 1960’s -now A tree lined avenue with pavilions on green plinths set back from the pavement edge
A route through from new Usk bridge along town wall path?

Future of car park?

Open up the town wall path?

Griffiths new workshops

Will Griffiths move these workshops?

A route through from Neville St across the site?
One possible interpretation of existing: A plateau above a valley of civic / public service buildings, looking beyond landscape to the Blorenge, served by major car parks.

Does retirement homes (only) fit?
Some other qualities of existing, to be built on or ignored.

Building line
Street edge
Will this become part of the site?

A definite consistent building line and street edge with buildings set back. To be continued?
Meeting agreed unlikely to run another event unless other ATT members felt strongly to the contrary. Note Mary Ann Swanson not present.

• “I think another question we need to ask is whether a Give & Take event is something the community wants. I always like events where people are helping people but in Abergavenny, we have Homemakers, Freecycle and charity shops galore. Perhaps people just don't see the need for it. On the other hand, this may be an event that would grow in size”.

• Mary Ann Swanson
Community Orchard AGM meeting and picnic! Sunday June 4th 2017

Minutes of AGM not yet available
St Helen’s Road Incredible Edible Garden June 2017
Bridges: past present and future

James Keeble of MCC Highways currently lead person on project. ATT had asked for update but received nothing.
Community Canteen: ATT presentation 27.05.17
Looking back to look forward........

- Patrick ran through presentation made at Community Canteen looking backwards and forwards and trying to draw lessons for future.
- Generally agreed to have been a valuable exercise.
- Records a lot of energy, events, initiatives we should be proud of; but still need to reach a wider younger audience
- A pdf of the presentation was sent to all Community Canteen members. A further pdf will be sent to ATT members.
JUST FOOD Festival Fringe

• Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} September 2017
• St Mary’s Priory Church Abergavenny
• Doors open at 6.45pm - talks start at 7.30pm - free admission
• Join leading specialists Dr Rory Moore and Dr Alan Terry as they discuss the urgent need for marine conservation; examining the vital question “What future for fish?”.
Agri Urban: vision statement options

Generally agreed that Option 2 was preferable but currently written as if it exists whereas it clearly does not exist.

- Option 1
- Revised Vision Statement
- Abergavenny is steeped in food history and is renowned for its great Food Festival and nestles within the county of Monmouthshire, the official Food Capital of Wales. It is a place that connects our culture, cuisine, and community, where citizens have access to local food, that promotes health and wellbeing, encourages business growth and skills development, and where food is provided at a fair price for the farmer and the consumer.

Option 2

“Abergavenny is internationally recognised for having cultivated a fresh relationship and understanding between its agricultural industries and its people. Culture, cuisine and community have found each other once more. Local produce is the purchase of choice for residents. Farmers are willing to diversify, confident in the knowledge that local people are a receptive market and will support them. A sustainable, resilient and exciting ecosystem has taken root in this beautiful, historic Welsh Market Town.”
EU Agri-Urban:

Note 13 reps from EU countries engaged in project coming to Food Festival.

Special evening event at Abergavenny Community Centre. Saturday of the Food Festival

Professor Kevin Morgan of Cardiff University is speaking to agri-urban on Saturday afternoon of Food Festival on getting local food on to the local plate.
Rotary has new chair: Lionel: maybe change of mood and aims. Link for younger generation?